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SUBJECT: BRITISH DENY SIMONSTOWN PACT ABOUT TO BE

ABROGATED

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1. ACCORDING TO THE LONDON TIMES OF JUNE 1, REPORTS FROM SOUTH AFRICA THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING TERMINATION OF THE SIMONSTOWN AGREEMENT WERE DENIED OFFICIALLY ON MAY 31. BRITISH POLICY TOWARDS SOUTHERN AFRICA REMAINS UNDER REVIEW, THE TIMES SAID, BUT THE REVIEW, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE PARING DOWN OF BRITAIN'S OVERSEAS DEFENSE COMMITMENTS, CANNOT BE CONCLUDED FOR SOME MONTHS, PROBABLY NOT UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT ELECTION.

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2. THE SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THE ORIGINAL STORY

CLAIMING THE UK IS ABOUT TO ABROGATE THE AGREEMENT CAME
FROM THE LONDON CORRESPONDENT OF THE BURGER.

3. COMMENT: SOUTH AFRICANS MAY INTERPRET LABOR GOVERN-
MENT'S REFUSAL TO DELIVER LAST HELICOPTER UNDER AGREEMENT
MADE DURING LAST CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT'S TENURE (REF-
TEL) AS DE FACTO RENUNCIATION SINCE IT AMOUNTED TO FAIL-
URE BY BRITISH TO FULFILL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER AGREE-
MENT. WE ARE NOT RPT NOT AWARE OF ANY INTENTION BY
HMG TO ABROGATE AGREEMENT AND DOUBT THAT PRESENT GOVERN-
MENT WOULD AT THIS STAGE FAVOR SUCH ACTION.

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